

REMARKS

Status of Claims:

By way of the instant amendment, claim 4 had been canceled and claim 21 had been added. Thus, claims 1-3, and 5-21 remain for examination.

Prior Art Rejection:

Claims 1-4, 6, 8-10, 16 and 18-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated Louis et al (US6674425B1). Claims 5 and 17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Louis et al (US6674425B1).

The examiner's rejections are respectfully traversed.

As to the rejected claims, claims 1 and 16 are independent. Both Claims 1 and 16 include the limitations of "a housing which contains an electronic component therein, and has an outside wall which has --- an interior surface exposed inward of the housing" and "a pointing device having a flat input surface laid on the interior surface of the outside wall".

The cited reference does not disclose the above limitations.

As to independent claims 1 and 16, the examiner, citing Louis, identifying a thick outer bezel 160 of a unitary molded plastic body 152 as the housing. However, the bezel 160 does not contain any electronic component therein, and Louis does not show any flat input surface laid on the interior surface exposed inward of the housing.

Applicant's dependent claims are deemed to be patentable at least for the same reasons discussed above with respect to independent claims 1 and 16.

Applicant has added new claim 21. Claim 21, in the same fashion to claims 1 and 16, includes the limitations of "a housing which contains an electronic component therein, and has an outside wall which has --- an interior surface exposed inward of the housing" and "a pointing device having a flat input surface laid on the interior surface of the outside wall". As such this claim

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likewise distinguishes applicant's invention over the prior art and deemed patentable thereover.

Conclusions:

In view of the forgoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and an early indication of allowance is respectfully requested.

The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

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